

# **MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S**

## ***2008 Research Summit – October 1, 2008***



## **Executive Research Priorities**

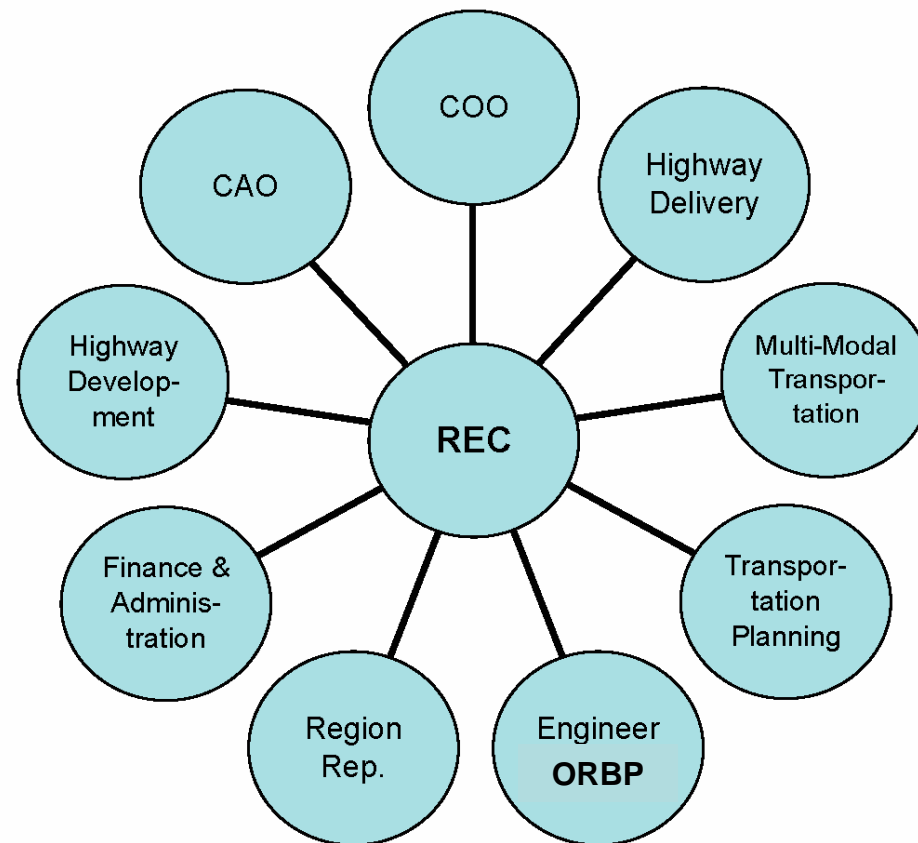
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Chief Operations Officer

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Chief Administrative Officer

# Research Executive Committee

- MDOT guides and carries out State Planning and Research (SPR), Part II, Program research through a structure of oversight, advisory, and management committees
- MDOT's Research Executive Committee represents the top-level oversight committee

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- The Research Executive Committee may meet up to six times per year and oversees and approves the annual research program recommendations

# Research Executive Committee Duties

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- Sets MDOT's strategic direction on research
- Defines research goals
- Assigns focus area manager(s) for each research area
- Approves recommended research

# Research Executive Committee Duties (Continued)

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- Reviews key research findings
- Reviews and approves recommendations for research results implementation

# Research Executive Committee Members

- Chief Operations Officer
- Chief Administrative Officer
- Engineer of ORBP
- Bureau Directors  
(Jackie Shinn [Sharon Edgar], Susan Mortel, Rob Abent, John Polasek & John Friend)
- Region Representative  
(Randy Van Portfliet)

# Recent Activities

- The Research Executive Committee met on August 25
  - Joined by Director Steudle
  - Discussed the key problem areas and emerging issues as viewed by the bureaus and MDOT as a whole



# Recent Activities (Continued)

- The Research Executive Committee considered MDOT's needs in 3 time frames:
  - Today's needs
  - 2 to 5 years
  - Long-term (up to 25 years)

# Executive Priorities

- The discussion resulted in a list of some 60 issues
- These issues represent the executive priorities at MDOT
  - MDOT's 2010-2011 research program will center around these issues
  - MDOT will consider projects developed around these issues as a priority for funding

# Future Activities

- The Research Executive Committee will approve the SPR, Part II, Research program in spring 2009